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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN REPORTS THAT SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA  
ON NAMIBIA HAS BEEN POSTPONED

REF: USUN 2461

1. SUMMARY: AMB. HARRIMAN (PERM REP OF NIGERIA) CALLED US  
MISSION PM AUGUST 3 AND TALKED WITH AMB. LEONARD. IN COURSE  
OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTER (SEPTTEL), HARRIMAN STATED  
THAT AFRICAN GROUP HAD POSTPONED CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL  
SESSION OF UNGA ON NAMIBIA AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER 32ND GA.

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END SUMMARY.

2. AMB. HARRIMAN (PERM REP OF NIGERIA) CALLED US MISSION  
PM AUGUST 3 AND SPOKE WITH AMB. LEONARD. AT CONCLUSION OF  
CONVERSATION ON RHODESIA (SEPTTEL) HARRIMAN BROUGHT UP SUB-  
JECT OF UPCOMING LAGOS CONFERENCE. HE INDICATED NIGERIAN  
PLEASURE THAT SEVERAL FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD BE PRESENT

AT CONFERENCE AND FURTHER STATED THAT NIGERIANS WERE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING AFRICAN FONMINS TO ATTEND. AMB. LEONARD WONDERED HOW AFRICAN FONMINS COULD BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND PROPOSED SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA ON NAMIBIA IF THEY FOUND ATTENDANCE AT LAGOS CONFERENCE SO DIFFICULT. HARRIMAN REPLIED. "THE SPECIAL SESSION? WE KNOCKED THAT IN THE HEAD YESTERDAY." HE WENT ON TO INDICATE THAT AFRICAN GROUP HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER 32ND GA.

3. IN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO UNDERLINE ROLE NIGERIA HAD PLAYED IN POSTPONING SPECIAL SESSION, HARRIMAN STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESENT WHEN NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO TALKED RECENTLY WITH SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA, AND THAT OBASANJO HAD TOLD NUJOMA TO BE MODERATE AND REALISTIC ON QUESTION OF PROPOSED SPECIAL SESSION AND IN DEALINGS GENERALLY WITH WESTERN FIVE.

4. LEONARD THANKED HARRIMAN FOR HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANCE AND ASSISTANCE OF NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT ON MATTER OF PROPOSED SPECIAL SESSION. HARRIMAN REPLIED THAT THERE ARE "A FEW OF US" (NOTABLY NIGERIA AND TANZANIA) WHO WILL CONTINUE TO HELP MODERATE THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN BELIEF THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS' CAUSES WILL BENEFIT FROM ATTITUDE OF REASONABLENESS.

5. WHEN LEONARD AGAIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR NIGERIA'S CONFIDENTIAL

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WILLINGNESS TO PLAY THIS ROLE, HARRIMAN REPLIED THAT NIGERIA HAS ALWAYS PLAYED THIS ROLE BUT THAT IN PAST US WASN'T AN EFFECTIVE PARTNER.  
LEONARD

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